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Firearms Safety Training Course Now Online

Police Training Commission initiative available to citizens 24-hours a day

TOWSON, MD (July 2, 2007)---The Maryland Police Training Commission is now offering citizens an online Firearms Safety Training Course, the first such initiative ever in the State. The course replaces bi-weekly video training. Since 2002, Maryland has required firearms training for all applicants for the purchase, rental, or transfer of a regulated firearm.

The online training, accessible from any computer with Internet access, includes an introduction to firearms operations and basic safety measures. There is no charge for the course, which is accessible at www.mdgunsafety.com.

Says Patrick Bradley, Executive Director of the Maryland Police Training Commission: "In addition to improving and simplifying public access to important information, this new program demonstrates our ability to create and distribute quality distance-learning materials."

Mr. Bradley further reminds citizens that successfully completing the course is only one of several requirements that must be satisfied before one can legally possess a firearm in Maryland. "Since the ownership of a firearm is a serious and continuing responsibility, those who complete the online course should supplement it with additional firearms safety education."

Anyone with questions regarding handgun purchases should contact a local police agency or licensed firearms dealer.

The Police Training Commission is the agency within the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services responsible for training and certification for law enforcement officers. It operates from a headquarters at the Public Safety Education and Training Center in Sykesville.

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